

# Decoding Big Words

1. Identify any **prefixes** (beginning of word)
2. Identify any **suffixes** (end of word)
3. Look for **spelling patterns** in base word  
(6 common syllable types)
4. Sound out and **blend word parts**
5. Say word parts fast and adjust  
pronunciation

*Is it a real word? Does it make sense in the sentence?*